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CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 22, 1957

Dear Dicky:

It was good to get your letter of October 15.

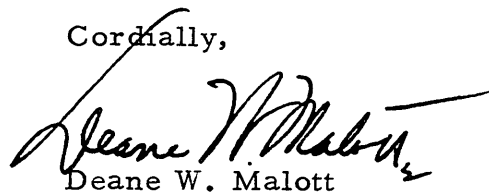
Let me say that I shall indeed, be happy to recommend Rear Admiral Thomas H. Robbins, Jr. for administrative work in a college or university.

There are times when I am asked to make such recommendations and I will certainly keep his name in mind in case an appropriate position appears.

It was a very interesting visit to the Naval Academy and our Board had a very exciting time.

Thanks again for your letter.

Cordially,



Deane W. Malott

DWM:pm

Mr. R. D. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

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24 October 1957

Dear Admiral Bates:

On behalf of the Naval Academy Athletic Association I would like to acknowledge your contribution of \$10.00 to the Navy - Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Fund. Your support of our worthy project is greatly appreciated.

I sincerely hope you will have an opportunity to witness Navy play in the new stadium and will gain additional satisfaction from the knowledge that through contributions such as yours the construction was made possible.

Sincerely,


J. E. BENNETT
Commander, U. S. Navy

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

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For Admiral R W Bates
US Naval War College

We are beginning to hit pay
dirt!

What is the matter with you
we never hear from you?

Wick

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L. I. U. Alumni's Fund Drive Is Opened at 'Sunrise Rally'

Saturday, October 19, 1957

The Long Island University Alumni's Fund campaign was inaugurated yesterday by William Zeckendorf, president of the institution's board of trustees, with a "sunrise rally" at a breakfast in the dining room of Webb & Knapp, 383 Madison Ave. which Mr. Zeckendorf also heads.

Twelve alumni attending the breakfast, it was announced, each pledged a contribution of \$1,000 toward the \$100,000 alumni goal for the one-year drive.

In addition to Mr. Zeckendorf, university officials at the breakfast were Adm. Richard L. Conolly (ret.), L. I. U. president, and Dr. James M. Hester, provost of the university's Brooklyn Center. Participating as chairman of the alumni fund's special gifts committee was Solomon Dobin, class of 1932, president of Bargain Town, Inc., who opened the drive with a \$1,000 gift.

Purpose of the drive is to make a specific contribution to the total of \$3,720,000 sought by the university by 1960. The alumni fund will be devoted to efforts to increase faculty salaries and build a new campus on a seven-and-a-half-acre site in downtown Brooklyn purchased with a \$500,000 gift from Mr. Zeckendorf.



Herald Tribune photo by Ted Kell

AT "SUNRISE RALLY" FOR L. I. U. FUND DRIVE—William Zeckendorf (seated right), president of the L. I. U. board of trustees, at breakfast yesterday morning in the dining room of Webb & Knapp, 383 Madison Ave., which he also heads. The breakfast marked the start of the alumni fund campaign. Seated left is Adm. Richard L. Conolly, president of L. I. U. Standing (left right) are Dr. James M. Hester, provost of the university's Brooklyn Center, and Solomon Dobin, chairman of the alumni fund's special gifts committee.

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AND
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METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
CURTIS OUTPATIENT CLINIC
DEPARTMENT FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST
BARTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
WHITE HAVEN SANATORIUM (POCONOS)
JEFFERSON HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
CHARLOTTE DRAKE CARDEZA FOUNDATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 28, 1957

Dear Dick:

My apologies for not replying more promptly to your letter of 17 October, but I have gone over your letter and the enclosures several times, and have been thinking about the matter.

To be perfectly honest, I can appreciate, after reading Robbins' dossier, his splendid contribution to Planning, etc., etc. But unfortunately I have never liked Robbins very much, and although he may be very brilliant mentally, his personality is not one that would not, as far as I am concerned, create any great warmth.

In the past eight and a-half years I have learned a great deal about this hard-boiled civilian world, and also about the reaction of said world to giving Naval Officers jobs. When civilians are considering employing a retired Naval Officer, they consider three things, namely:

- (a) Reputation for absolute honesty
- (b) Experience in handling personnel
- (c) Administrative experience.

Naturally, in addition to the above, the officer's personality must be pleasing to the persons who are considering taking him on.

In Robbins' case there is no question but that he is honest, that he has administrative experience, that he is a brilliant man, and of course he has had experience in handling men, but I would not say that was his forte.

In connection with going as President to any educational institution today, the Board of Trustees of said institution will add one other qualification, namely: public relations ability. This is of primary importance to all educational

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institutions today, as there isn't a single one of them that I know of, that doesn't need money. And no matter how you try to pass the job over to your Public Relations Officer, by the very nature of things, the President has the real responsibility for such matters. I could go on at great length, but to be perfectly frank, Dick, I could recommend you without the slightest difficulty, but I regret that I would not feel honest with myself, if I recommended Robbins.

I will expect to see you here for the Army-Navy game and, as usual, I will expect to see you at our apartment that evening - don't disappoint me.

With my very best personal regards, in which Elsa joins me, I am

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Reg', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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1516 34th Street, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.
31 October 1957

Dear Rafe:

Many, many thanks for your fine letter of October 28, 1957. I particularly appreciate your letter to President Deane Malott, and I shall drop him a note with the purpose of making a friendly contact and suggesting meeting him when next he comes to Washington.

I am sure that Newport should be most interesting at this time, particularly having been settled down a bit from the summer doings. Life for Bar and me down here has been highly strenuous because we have moved, at last, to 1516 34th Street, N. W. Although considerably smaller than the house we were visiting in when you saw us, we think it is probably just as nice in its own way. The furniture had hardly been tossed into it before we had the pleasure of having crowds of people into luncheons, cocktails, and dinners. We are far from settled--no curtains and no pictures yet, but the house is ready and panting to entertain our dear friend Rafe. When are you coming down again? Your name is all over the house and we want to see you.

I have no news of any prospective changes other than those you listed in your letter. If you have the chance, why not jot down the rumors.

With lots of the best from both of us, *as always -*

Tom

THOMAS H. ROBBINS, JR.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commodore Richard W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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Wednesday, 6 November

Dear Admiral Bates,

Thank you very much for your recent letter and particularly for the very kind letter of recommendation which you enclosed. I especially value your opinion because of the high standards which you uphold and expect.

I can well imagine the satisfaction and relief with which you sent Vol III to press - that's another milestone on what must seem to you a long, unending road; but I feel that you are doing a work for which you are eminently qualified and if our Navy can only profit from the lessons you are extracting from the Leyte Gulf action the labor will have been worth it.

Last weekend's football results at South Bend pleased me greatly, but I ran so far forgot her wifely loyalties

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as to express some regret for Notre Dame's upset. Only natural for a mother I suppose.

Ronnie Woodman is, of course, a classmate of mine with whom I was well acquainted at the Academy, but we've had no contact in recent years. I do not know what caused his being dropped back to '32. Within the past several years he had an article in the Institute on the use of LCM's as substitutes for tugs by amphibious ships. So I know he can think about problems and write about them. But I can't fairly say whether he would be useful in your office.

Ivan and I are still resting on our oars. We've done a little sight seeing on trips to San Diego and San Francisco. Ennui has not yet set in but can be dimly

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seen over the horizon. We are planning to take a place in L.B. for a couple of months so that we'll have an opportunity to see our son, Bill, when he returns from West Pac. Van Hays is too far from Terminal Island for frequent commuting but will continue as our mailing address.

I should like to hear some of the discussions at the College on the subject of SPUTNIK. The Soviet exploits must have our principal defense installations in a flap.

On reading the enclosure yesterday I thought you might be interested in this appreciation of your old shipmate.

Iran joins me in sending our best wishes. Please give my regards to everyone in WWII B.E.G.

Sincerely yours,
Harry.

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13 November 1957

Dear Rafe:

It was certainly nice to hear from you and I appreciate and look forward to receiving the "old school tie." I shall wear it with great pride. I think it is a splendid idea. None of the foreign officers that you mention in your letter have made themselves known to me as yet. I will keep an eye out for them.

Please give Slim Ingersoll my regards and tell him that Operation "ENDURABLE" finally came off last Monday. The weather was clear and bright while we embarked the President and Madame and immediately a front went by and we were in the soup for an hour and a half. It finally cleared enough to launch a small group and we gave them a fairly decent demonstration considering the weather. The KEARSARGE never did get her planes off so the BON HOMME RICHARD did the whole job. Everyone was in a holiday mood. The President and Madame seemed to enjoy themselves no end and sent me a nice dispatch. Tell Slim the menu we cooked up for the feast at last was served and was just right. The President ate two helpings of the main dish. Thank goodness that one is over with.

Burke came to see us in late October. We rounded up practically the whole fleet and gave him four busy days. He must live right for the weather was excellent both day and night. He appeared extremely pleased with condition of the fleet. He promised me I would stay for my 18 months but I have my fingers crossed on this one.

Ruth had a very cold summer in Maine and I was glad to have her move back to Washington in September. When you do go down, please give her a call on the telephone at least. She is always delighted when you put in an appearance or call her. Her mother, Mrs. Millett, is with her as well as two nurses. Her condition is about the same except that her speech is gradually coming back.

We started for Hong Kong but for the last two days have been dodging typhoon "KIT." The damn thing can't make up it's mind which way to

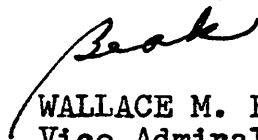
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go and we are not in much better position than we were yesterday. We will never make Hong Kong on time now, which turns my arrangements into a "cocked hat." These cruisers are comfortable ships but they sure can roll.

I will look forward to getting a copy of Volume III. It has been a tremendous amount of work, I know. The world events have only the effect of keeping us on our toes. Our major mission out here is "readiness" and I have the outfit organized so that each time something happens I alert the commanders of the units I feel will be concerned to stand by to put a plan into effect on short notice. Felix and Maurice Curts have been most understanding and cooperative with me. It has been a pleasure to work for them. Since they added the 3rd Marine Division; 1st Marine Air Wing and the Amphibious Group, WESTPAC to the SEVENTHFLT, I have had a tremendous force available to me. It keeps me plenty busy arranging their exercises and doing my part in handling their ~~g~~rasing and logistics problems.

This is all for now. Thanks again for the nice letter and for the tie. My best wishes for continued good health and success.

Sincerely,



WALLACE M. BEAKLEY
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

COMMODORE Richard W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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Dear Pafe:-

~~Love, love~~ to make
Newport this trip! Expected to

REAR ADMIRAL H. W. ZIROLI

U. S. NAVY (RETIRED)

see you in Crabtown at the
homecoming! When are you
coming to Italy? Consuelo & I
will chaperone you.

PALAZZO TAVERNA

VIA MONTE GIORDANO, 36

ROMA

TEL. 555-808

(over)

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Shocked at Lynde's passing
away but talked to R. Chan.

Please take good care
of the beaver, Frank Fugate
who was a boyhood friend.
- or else! -

Cheerio & remember me to
all our good mutual friends

Cheerio

— Tony

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

26 November 1957.

Commodore R.W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Commodore Bates:

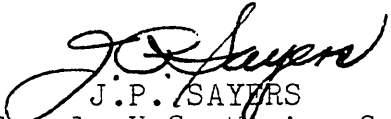
Thank you very much for your recent letter in which you expressed your enjoyment, as a participant with the Marines of the Naval War College, in celebrating the 182nd anniversary of the Marine Corps Birthday.

Your comprehensive observations on the attendant significance of this annual event to our Navy - Marine Corps team and its relationship to the national defense are indeed worthy of deep reflection. Your laudatory comments on the manner in which the affair was conducted have been made known to, and are sincerely appreciated by, those who worked so assiduously to guarantee its success.

On behalf of all the Marines at the Naval War College, may I say that it was a pleasure and a privilege to have had you with us at this year's festive occasion.

May long life and continued good health permit you to participate in future Marine Corps Birthday celebrations for many years to come.

Sincerely,


J.P. SAYERS
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

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Thank you

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20 November, 1957.

Dear Commodore Bates:

My warm thanks for your most interesting letter of November 16th. I appreciate your taking the time to write me about the Marine Corps Birthday at the War College. I am sure it must have been impressive and I hope was enjoyed by all.

We too had a beautiful one here and were fortunate in having with us the Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Burke, two former Commandants, and the current Commandant General of the Royal Marines. This year we had it at the Sheraton Park Hotel and were able to have 1,400 people seated.

Again, many thanks for writing me and with all good wishes.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. McC. Pate".

R. McC. PATE.

Commodore R. W. BATES, USN
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

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CAPTAIN W. D. PULESTON, U.S.N. (RET.)
MOUNTAIN LAKE
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Nov 22. 1957

Dear Sir Richard.

Glad the tickets arrived safely. Unfortunately I fear I will not be able to go. You use them.

I am so glad you got the operations of CTF 77, strapholed out to your own mind and to K's satisfaction. As you know I have been a long time studying Naval operations of previous wars. After our Flag and Comdg Officers snapped out of their peace mentality. they

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operated larger naval forces, over greater sea areas, and made fewer mistakes than any of the Naval Commanders of previous wars including Jervis Nelson.

You and your Staff have a warm spot in my heart; I relax in your office, enjoy the company of your officers, and best of all go away stimulated, and ready to try again to understand our past-Naval history and to peer a little way into future Naval developments.

Give them my best wishes, and reserve a large share for your good Self.

Sincerely yours
Pulston

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1516 34th Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.
25 November 1957

Dear Rafe:

This letter is about Captain Beverly Coleman, USNR, who remembers you with admiration and pleasure. You will remember that he took the two weeks' Senior Reserve Officers Course and attended the Global Strategy Discussions about two years ago.

He has asked me if I should do to come back as a "repeater" next June. He feels that the local Commandant would not nominate him as a repeater--for obvious reasons--and that probably his only chance of coming back to the College again would be on the College quota.

I recollect that he not only got a lot out of the course, but that he contributed a great deal to the course. He is a practicing lawyer in Washington. He is also an outstanding combat officer, having been one of Kelly Turner's beach masters. He has much other combat experience. He also was USNA 1922 who resigned his commission, and later joined the Reserves.

He also was appointed and served as Chief of Mission for the Assistance Programs to, I believe, Bolivia.

He is quite a fellow. I would recommend him for repeat service at the College. Do you think that you could get his name on the list?

This letter is addressed to you in the thought that you might remember him and may be able to get his name on the list on that basis.

Best regards, as always--



THOMAS H. ROBBINS, JR.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commodore Richard W. Bates
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

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27 November 1957

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Your good letter of 21 November matched my arrival in the office Monday. I shall of course assist in any way in the search for any information you need at any time. I have talked with Mrs. Tanaka and told her that when she needs a crowbar to let me know.

As you know, I always enjoy seeing you but it was especially good to have those few hours with you in your busy work shop. Having looked at what you are doing, I can now better understand your problems and real achievements for the Navy. Again, many congratulations. I know people of the future will be grateful for this project, whether or not they have known you.

I will put on another search for Admiral Kincaid's dispatches. Incidentally, he was in Monday before your letter came and talked to me about other matters. He appears to be in splendid health, like yourself. While here, he asked me to be sure to provide him a copy of Volume III. If everybody found your work as interesting as he, it would be a best seller!

I enjoyed meeting your fine staff and having lunch with Henry Eccles and the others. Many thanks for it. Please give my good regards to them and Henry.

Best always.

E. M. ELLER
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)
Director of Naval History

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THE JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 4, 1957

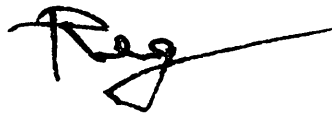
My dear Dick:

Just a quick note to tell you how very much I appreciated your sending me your tickets for the game. With the tremendous demand from all hands and the cook for tickets, I thought those you sent me were not at all bad, and I know they were very much appreciated by the recipient.

Elsa and I both enjoyed seeing you as we always do, and also we were pleased to find you looking so well and in such good spirits. After our party Saturday night, my pet daughter, Betty Lou, told me that she not only greatly enjoyed talking with you, but that she thought you quite an extraordinary person. I confirm the latter statement.

Again my thanks, and with my very best personal regards to you, I am, as usual,

Very sincerely,



Rear Admiral Richard W. Bates, USN
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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